

Table 13. Coefficients of Variation in Life Expectancy at Birth and at Age 65 within Census Regions or Divisions for White Males and Females: 1960 to 1990

		Region				
		Northeast	Midwest	West	South*	
					South Atlantic	South Central
Life Expectancy at Birth						
White Males						
1960	0.007	0.009	0.017	0.011	0.007	
1970	0.009	0.011	0.015	0.013	0.009	
1980	0.005	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.006	
1990	0.008	0.011	0.012	0.012	0.006	
White Females						
1960	0.005	0.009	0.009	0.010	0.007	
1970	0.007	0.011	0.010	0.009	0.006	
1980	0.005	0.011	0.008	0.006	0.005	
1990	0.005	0.011	0.008	0.011	0.004	
Life Expectancy at Age 65						
White Males						
1960	0.010	0.033	0.033	0.046	0.022	
1970	0.016	0.035	0.026	0.045	0.024	
1980	0.013	0.035	0.020	0.041	0.018	
1990	0.016	0.026	0.025	0.047	0.021	
White Females						
1960	0.018	0.028	0.012	0.037	0.025	
1970	0.017	0.033	0.019	0.032	0.019	
1980	0.017	0.031	0.016	0.024	0.015	
1990	0.014	0.032	0.022	0.035	0.011	

*The South Region is divided into the South Atlantic and South Central Divisions since preliminary evaluations show that states in these two division have different trends in mortality changes. Also, the number of states is an element for the calculation of the coefficient of variation and the results are more comparable with the South Region divided since the number of states in the two divisions are more similar to the number of states in the other three Census Regions.

Sources: National Center for Health Statistics, 1975. Some Trends and Comparisons of United States Life-Table Data: 1900-1971. National Center for Health Statistics, 1985-86. State Life Tables, Alabama-Wyoming, U.S. Decennial Life Tables for 1979-81. National Center for Health Statistics, 1998. U.S. Decennial Life Tables for 1989-91, State Life Tables.

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